

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
MAX D. WALKER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
35 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.  
QUINCY, FLORIDA

January 7, 2014

2:00 P.M.

This meeting was open to the public and electronically recorded.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Roger P. Milton, Chairman; Ms. Audrey D. Lewis; Mr. Charlie D. Frost; Mr. Judge B. Helms; and Mr. Isaac Simmons. Also present were Mr. Reginald C. James, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Mrs. Deborah Minnis, Attorney for the Board; and others.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Roger P. Milton, at 2:05 p.m.

2. AGREEMENT/CONTRACT

a. Memorandum of Agreement Between Gadsden County Schools and Neighborhood Medical Center

Mrs. Minnis stated that all of the Board's changes had been incorporated within the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Neighborhood Medical Center.

Mr. James stated that there are no conflicts with the Gadsden County Health Department and the Neighborhood Medical Center.

Board members asked questions, shared their concerns and made comments during the discussion of the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Gadsden County Schools and Neighborhood Medical Center. The Board requested the following corrections be made: 1) termination days from 180 to 90 days; 2) keep the words "consent form" in section 2i; and 3) any typos.

Following discussion, Mr. Judge B. Helms made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between Gadsden County Schools and Neighborhood Medical Center with the above noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Isaac Simmons and carried unanimously.

In response to Mrs. Nell Cunningham's request for an update on the HRSA Grant, Mrs. Rosalyn Smith stated that the process for the HRSA Grant was moving forward.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Superintendent recommended approval.

3. **ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. James stated that there were minimal heating problems within the district. He requested the Board give him direction on whether to pursue the ½ cent sales tax.

Following discussion on the ½ cent sales tax, the Board agreed to have the Superintendent proceed with the process to pursue the ½ cent sales tax. He recognized former Superintendent of Wakulla County, Mr. David Miller, and a representative from Cenergistic, an energy conservation company.

4. **SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTS AND CONCERNS**

Ms. Lewis stated that Midway City Manager, Mrs. Dorothy Inman Johnson, offers her support on merging schools. She requested a copy of the SAC committee meeting minutes from each school. She stated that Department of Education provides specific training for principals and SAC councils. She stated that Parent Expos are coming soon. She requested that the district enfold sensitivity training with Red Carpet Schools to help boost employee morale. She presented Mr. Milton with a Certificate from the Department of Education for becoming a Certified CDL Tester.

Mr. Milton thanked Mr. Simmons for his assignment as the Board's representative to the Transportation Department.

Mr. Helms announced that one of the district's former employees, Col. Charles Brinkley, had passed away and the funeral service was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. tomorrow (January 8<sup>th</sup>) at the First Baptist Church in Quincy.

Mr. Miller and a representative from Cenergistic shared with the Board a presentation outlining possible energy savings for the district. He stated that Cenergistic was an energy conservation firm powered by technology, supported by data and driven by unparalleled expertise. He stated that Cenergistic empowers companies to save money by becoming self-sufficient and energy-efficient organizations. He stated that Cenergistic is not an equipment vendor, and there was no up-front capital investment. He stated that clients have been empowered to save over \$3.3 billion in energy costs. He stated that over a quarter century, Cenergistic energy management programs have saved school districts an average of 26% of their total expected utility expenses.

5. The workshop adjourned at 4:00 p.m.